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Prior Art Rejections

- A. Claims 1-14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,250,984 to Jin et al. ("Jin") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,973,444 to Xu et al. ("Xu").
- B. Claim 15 was rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jin, in view of Xu, and further in view of admitted prior art.
- C. Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jin, in view of Xu, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,456,986 to Majetich et al.

The primary reference in each rejection is the Jin patent, which is assigned to Agere Systems Guardian Corporation. As shown in the documentation attached to this Amendment, the present application has similarly been assigned to Agere Systems Guardian Corporation. Thus, the Jin patent is not available as 102(e)/103 prior art against the present application. (See MPEP § 706.02(k).)

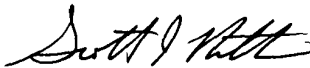
On this basis, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims.

If there are any additional fees related to this Amendment, such fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 501735.

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